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The bells of St. Mark's toll for 1812

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Rev. Bob Wright and bell-maker Richard Watson squeeze into St. Mark's historic bell tower, after the newest, 19th bell was installed last week to commemorate the War of 1812 bicentennial .

History lesson at heritage meeting

Guest appearance by army officer Ralfe Clench made for informative evening

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

It's 1812 in Niagara, and Methodist circuit rider Ninian Holmes offered prayers to leaders, politicians and others before army officer Ralfe Clench brought the public up to date on the political climate that was leading up to war that would be declared June 18.

"Already there are tensions along our border," Clench said.

Portrayed by local historian Wes Turner, Clench was the guest speaker at the town's annual Celebration of Heritage, held Monday at the Niagara Historical Museum—although he admitted to not fully understanding the time travel that allowed him to be there.

With war imminent, the US militia was much stronger than the 1,400 regulars serving under Brock, who knew he needed the support of First Nations warriors, Clench said.

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Battle of Queenston Heights a turning point in War of 1812, historian says

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"In the event of war the Americans seemed to have all the advantage—they greatly outnumber us and are able to choose the time and place of attack. They did not realize, nor did most Upper Canadians, our great advantages," said Clench—Brock's leadership, naval control of the lakes and the support of native warriors among them.

"The result at the end of 1812—to everyone's amazement—was defeat of all American invasion attempts."

The next two years would bring mixed results, he said: there would be victories and defeats on both sides, gains and losses of territory but when it ended, there was no firm, permanent occupation by Americans of any Canadian territory, and Upper Canadians were alienated by the invaders' destruction of private property, their plundering and mistreatment of civilians.

What began or confirmed a separate Canadian identity was the War of 1812, he said, with a popular and well-respected British general who fought and died in defence of Canada, his death leaving a deep and lasting impression on Canadians and creating a Canadian hero.

"We who were there think it was a very important battle, for if the Americans had won at Queenston Heights, they might have gone on in 1812 to conquer and occupy Upper Canada. That, probably would have resulted in its annexation to the United States."

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Town hands out plaques, commendations for heritage preservation efforts

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That would have meant no province of Ontario, and no viable Canadian nation, said Clench, referring to the Battle of Queenston Heights as a crucial victory and a turning point in Canadian history.

Clench skipped forward to 2012 so that as Turner, co-chair of the 1812 bicentennial committee, he could bring the public up to date on celebration events, including the lecture series and exhibit at the museum, opening events in June and a spectacular Canada Day at Fort George, before turning the meeting over to Lord Mayor Dave Eke, heritage planner Leah Wallace and the town's heritage committee to present plaques for designated heritage buildings, and commendations for maintenance, renovation and restoration of significant buildings.

Wes Turner, as army officer Ralfe Clench, and Rev. Dave Pritchard as Methodist circuit rider Ninian Holmes chat at the town's special heritage meeting held at the Niagara Historical Museum Monday.

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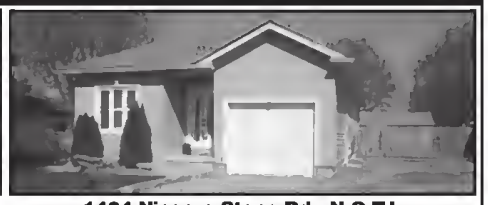

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Restoration a response to what house asked of owner

Johnson Street home one of six buildings to receive heritage plaques

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Donald Combe listens to his house, and does what's asked of him.

His historic Johnson Street home, described as a "charming small cottage" by the town's heritage committee when it was recognized Monday as a significant contribution to the streetscape, offers a warm, welcoming environment simplified to reflect its true nature.

"When you go into a house you have to listen to it. This house said to me, 'I don't need this, but I'd like that,'" said Combe, who began gently restoring his home to its 1838 character when he move in 35 years ago.

Mostly, what he did was remove what had been added, such as the oak flooring, wallpaper, gold detail and chandeliers.

"The house told me several things over a period of time, mostly that it wanted to be what it had been. I threw out almost everything to go back to the bones of the house."

What you see from the outside is what you get on the inside, he said.

"When you open a door, what you see should not be a surprise. The outside of a home should tell you what to expect when you go in."

Not unexpected in a house of that age are its ghosts, including a modern-day spirit. In the early 70s, Combe says, the owner was murdered in the house, hit over the head by someone who wanted money—and his unsettled ghost remains in the Johnson Street home.

While Combe often discovers minor occurrences he attributes to the ghost—a light off he thought he had left on or his computer in a different state than he left it—a more recent event cannot be explained any other way, he says. He returned home to find a large, heavy wooden drawer had been removed from its armoire home and dragged across the floor.

"The dog didn't do it and I certainly didn't," he says. "I was disturbed at first but then decided not to let it get in the way of my enjoyment of my home."

Combe was one of six to receive recognition from the Town at Monday's Celebration of Heritage held at the Niagara Historical Museum, for his lovingly restored home and his contribution to the preservation of the town's heritage.

Also receiving heritage plaques were owners of the 1825 Old Angel Inn; John Dimitrieff for 14785 Niagara Parkway, once part of the Glencairn Estate; Laura Secord Memorial School, now part of Willowbank Estate in Queenston; the Royal George Theatre, built in 1915 and used for vaudeville acts and as a movie theatre; and 94 Prideaux Street, an 1826 residence that is an example of an early Niagara house constructed after the burning of the town in 1813.

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Donald Combe received a heritage plaque in recognition of the restoration of his Johnson Street home and its contribution to the streetscape.

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Bob Watson, Ashleigh Bell, Emma Kuckyt, Alycia Gallagher, Doug Mackey, Sasha Knight and Geordie Manchester, students and former students of Willowbank's School of Restoration Arts, were on hand with Willowbank treasurer and board member Frank Racioppo to receive a heritage plaque for Laura Secord Memorial School in Queenston, which will become Willowbank's second campus. The plaques were handed out at Monday's Celebration of Heritage council meeting at the Niagara Historical Museum.

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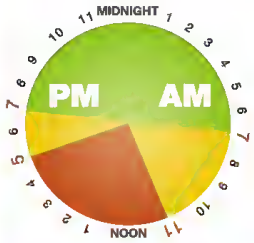

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our editorial

It's official – we can celebrate Brock Day

MPP Kim Craitor entered Lieutenant-Governor David Onley's suite for the first time Tuesday to see one of his private member's bills given royal assent—Bill 35, The Major-General Sir Isaac Brock Day Act, which passed its third reading with unanimous consent at Queen's Park last month, proclaims October 13 a day to recognize one of Niagara's heros.

With him were NDP MPP Cindy Forster from Welland, and Leeds-Grenville MPP Steve Clark, who co-sponsored the bill.

Craitor was still holding his breath about the budget, but at least there was that gratifying non-partisan effort to celebrate.

The royal assent came fittingly the day after local historian Wesley Turner told a group of people gathered at the Niagara Historical Museum—there to celebrate heritage and learn more about the War of 1812 and its celebrations—that what began or confirmed a separate Canadian identity was the War of 1812, with a popular and well-respected British general who fought and died that day in October 200 years ago in defence of Canada, his death leaving a deep and lasting impression on Canadians and creating a Canadian hero.

"We who were there think it was a very important battle, for if the Americans had won at Queenston Heights, they might have gone on in 1812 to conquer and occupy Upper Canada. That, probably would have resulted in its annexation to the United States," said Turner, taking on the persona of army officer Ralfe Clench commenting on the war.

With the first Brock Day coming up as we commemorate the War of 1812 centennial, Craitor says there are already events planned in Niagara-on-the-Lake to make Oct. 13 a day to remember, but his goal now is to work with his government to get some help for the folks who are organizing those events, which as he says, always come with a cost.

Congratulations, Kim, and yes, surely those planning Oct. 13 events can use all the help they can get to do Brock proud.

Defenders of the Town

PENNY COLES Niagara Advance

Tony Chisholm and Susan Hawes of the 1812 Bicentennial fundraising committee present a Defender of the Town plaque to Eric and Janet Trogdon, owners and operators of Niagara Holiday Rentals, whose generous donation will help commemorate the Occupation and Burning of Niagara events to take place in 2013.

letters to the editor

Hockey votes should be null and void

I have concerns regarding the voting process used last week for electing the new executive of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Minor Hockey Association.

I have been involved with NOTL Hockey for 11 years.

At the beginning of the annual general meeting last week, everyone was encouraged to sign in and register their attendance. This was not enforced. I understand the 12 members of the executive did not sign in, nor were latecomers advised they were also required to register, so there is no record of how many eligible voters were present.

When it came time to vote, blank pieces of paper wee distributed to groups to pass around. There were about 75 people present, an unusually high number to attend elections, and there was no control to ensure that everyone only received one piece of paper. Once they had written a name on the paper, the ballot collectors went around collecting the votes. These votes were taken into a back room and two members of the board counted the votes. This was repeated for each available executive position. I feel there were some unexplained irregularities with the totals of votes counted.

There remain some questions about the votes, and I would appreciate a satisfactory response to these questions. Otherwise because there were unregistered voters, all the votes taken that night should be considered null and void, and new votes held at a meeting where proper registration procedure is followed.

I suggest that voting procedures be added to the constitution. Further, ballots should be prepared in advance with the position noted and numbered, and there needs to be more control in the distribution and collection of the ballots,. Each candidate should also have a scrutineer in the counting room to observe the count.

To date, I have been told the votes taken that night will stand, despite the irregularities. I think it's more important, whatever the outcome, to make sure the votes are held fairly and according to the proper process.

Ace Carr

Why not designate Virgil School

It seems that Vigil is second class when it comes to history. Laura Secord school in Queenston was built in the 1900's was given heritage status, why? Because of the name and only the name.

Let's look closer to why Virgil public school site did not get Heritage status by a vote of eight nos and one yes by our town council.

Virgil Public School had a school on the same site as early as 1822, just 10 years after the war of 1812 which Laura Secord herself had seen.

Then in 1872 they built the existing Virgil public school. And now its closed.

This school site was owned by Colonel John Butler. He gave land to his Rangers and the rest is history.

Virgil town council in my opinion has voted by telling us that Virgil has no history worth preserving.

Thank you Mayor and town council for making it clear for us there is no history worth preserving in Virgil, only the Old Town and Queenston.

I don't get it and I hope other residents question the towns reasons as to why Virgil history is not worth saving.

Paolo Miele

A plaque for Regent Street?

Congratulations to one of our councillors for his imaginative suggestion on how we can maximize the tax revenue of the town without sacrificing our unique history – the heritage of the old bowling green site can be preserved on a plaque. Wow, why didn't we think of that before – so simple. The possibilities are endless, but hold on a minute?

In 2009 the Town employed Urban Strategies to work with the community to come up with a 20 year vision for the Old Town and waterfront. It commented on two key aspects of the town favourably: its sense of place and its history.

From these observations came the first two recommendations: recognize heritage as the essence of the Old Town and sustain the Old Town's quality of place and quality of life.

Call me crazy but I don't think that recent Council's decision on the rezoning of the old bowling green space into residential lots matches those ideas.

Apart from Martin Mazza, Jamie King and one other, Council seems incapable of providing the leadership to piggy back on the initiative of the Niagara Foundation to preserve a public asset in the town in perpetuity. Council seems to forget it is guardian of last resort for the citizens to safeguard the unique aspects of the town for resident and visitor alike.

I notice from the April Town Newsletter that the town is looking to the future with re-branding and community vision projects. Residents will be asked for their input on how they envision the growth of our community and the type of identity the Town should present. Hardy Stevenson and Associates has been hired to carry out the NOTL Community Vision process which will seek to establish a guiding vision for the Town for the next 15-20 years. Sound familiar? Let's hope that we don't spend more money that we apparently don't have for preservation to duplicate things that we paid for before that the next council ignore.

Hopefully two more councillors will regret their decision and reverse the decision – they have certainly done that before!

David Waller

Importance of character: that's what watching the Leafs lose has taught one fan

Consider This
Rick Mills
Life Abundant Fellowship

I was born into a family (and neighbourhood) that seemed to have just one purpose for Saturday nights – Hockey Night in Canada.

As a younger brother I remember so well hearing my older brothers, parents and neighbours, almost raising the roof whenever the Toronto Maple Leafs scored or won games.

Because of this influence, I became a fan of the Maple Leafs. Please, I'm not looking for pity. In the 1970s I followed their every game.

Recently I decided that the Toronto Maple Leafs were no longer my team. I no longer have a team. I still enjoy and follow the game of hockey. The reason for this decision was I didn't need the stress nor the attitude that being a diehard Leaf fan brought to my life. I was pleasantly surprised how liberating this decision became. I still like the Leafs. It's just now they no longer have my heart.

Okay, I have to tell a Leaf joke – I've told my family that if the Lord tarries and the time comes that I'm called home, I want to have some Toronto Maple Leafs act as pall bearers. I'd like for them to let me down just one more time.

Sorry.

When others ask about my change of heart toward the Leafs and who I cheer for, I tell them I follow individual character. I like to read and hear about particular players and what they offer, not only to their teammates, but to their fans and communities with the talents and opportunities they've been given. Character. Even that of owners, managers and coaches.

I recently read a story on Nashville Predator coach Barry Trotz. He was hired as the team's first coach in 1997 with no NHL experience. The general manager saw good character. For 13 losing seasons this rookie coach suffered constant job insecurity only to have his team be one of this year's play-off favourites. How? Character. His players describe him as kind, fair, open, and approachable, a coach known for showing respect, while still demanding progress.

How about Ottawa Senator and Niagara-on-the-Lake's own Zenon Konopka? I don't personally know Zenon, but I did know his late father, Zenon Sr. I will always remember the time when my father and I were at the Konopka home and their dog, a German shepherd named Rex, was overly aggressive and tried to bite me, or at least was aggressive enough to scare me into thinking he would. Zenon Sr. came to the rescue by physically tackling this large dog to protect his visitors. I became a Zenon Konopka fan on that day. Whenever I see Zenon Jr.'s game face in print or on television, I remember his dad and see a character. Not long afterwards Zenon Sr. showed up at our home and brought Rex directly into our living room. Just maybe he was trying to reach out to a nervous eight-year-old with his kindness.

I hear that within our community Zenon Jr. looks for opportunities to meet and work with young, aspiring hockey players – offering his time freely. The time and effort he puts into giving back are stories you won't see or hear on game day. Character.

The Stanley Cup playoffs are an exciting season for Canadians. I'm finding myself enjoying some of the games in a new light. Less stress and better sleep - good character will do that. So hopefully it all carries over from the hockey season to me examining that of my own.

It isn't true that nice guys finish last. They win before the game even starts. Go Zenon – bring the Cup to NOTL.

But win or lose, character always wins.

Take up MPP Kim Craitor's challenge: become a registered organ donor

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Penny Coles
Editor's notebook

On Sunday, I attended a baby shower for the daughter of a friend of mine. I didn't expect to know anybody other than my friend and the mother-to-be, but a baby shower is always a happy occasion, and I was delighted to be included.

I found myself sitting with two other women from St. Catharines, one I had met before and another I hadn't. Once the required shower game was played and prizes handed out — we apparently were not up on our nursery rhymes, as we came nowhere near winning—I discovered my table-mate, Jeannie Mazzuocco, had grown up in NOTL. After further discussion, I learned she is the mom of a young man I had met about three years ago when I interviewed him to help promote a Kinsmen fundraiser, Michael, then a teenager, was born with cystic fibrosis, and was the recipient of a double lung transplant. Although that interview seems a long time ago, I clearly remembered thinking what a miracle it was that we were having that conversation—Michael had just a short time before been unable to go to school or walk up a short flight of stairs. But here he was, training for a 20-kilometre bike race in Australia which he had qualified for by winning a gold medal at the Canadian Transplant Games just seven months after his transplant. He wanted his parents and brother to accompany him—they were there for the rough parts, and should be there for the good bits too, he said.

They were there with him, at what Michael described as the biggest donor awareness event in the world.

Organ donations change lives, he told me, but not enough people agree to be organ donors, maybe because they don't think about it, or maybe they're afraid. He felt if more people understood it, they wouldn't be afraid.

Monday, I read MPP Kim Craitor's challenge. April is National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness month, and in Niagara, only 21 per cent of our population has registered. We can do better, says Craitor.

Well, there is one more now—although I carry a signed organ donation card in my wallet, I understand that isn't adequate. So when I read Craitor's challenge to do better, I registered - it took less than a minute.

To help increase registered donors in Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Fort Erie, MPP Kim Craitor has joined the Gift of 8 Movement at www.beadonor.ca.

He is challenging residents and local organizations to create their own online registration drives by sharing their stories and inspiring neighbours, friends and employees to register their consent for organ and tissue donation.

With evidence of registered consent, most families will honour this donation decision. In the absence of registered consent, only 50 per cent of families consent to organ donation.

A donor card shares your decision to donate only to the extent that you share this decision with your family and friends.

However, when you register your consent to donate, this information is stored in a Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care database.

The Ministry will disclose information about your decision to Trillium Gift of Life Network, Ontario's organ and tissue donation agency, for the purpose of ensuring that your decision is known and respected. By registering your consent, you ensure that your decision is recorded and is made available to the right people at the right time, and is shared with your loved ones.

Anyone 16 years of age or over with a valid health card number and version code can register, online or at a ServiceOntario centre.

•In April, there were 1,499 Ontarians on the organ donation wait list, 29 of these patients were under the age of 18.

•Last year, 222 deceased organ donors contributed to 985 lives being saved through organ transplantation and over 1,700 tissue donors enhanced lives of thousands of patients.

•Among Ontario communities with an eligible population of more than 20,000, there are only five with a registration rate over 40 per cent (Thunder Bay, Sudbury, North Bay, Timmins and Owen Sound).

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Rumour confirmed – Virgil farm market sold to winery owners

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Harvest Barn, the popular farm market on Niagara Stone Road, has been sold, confirms owner Doug Dinely.

There's been talk about it for several weeks, but he wanted to wait until the real estate transaction was signed and sealed before announcing his news and introducing the new owners.

He and Bob Hunter built the market 33 years ago, but Hunter bowed out after a couple of years, too busy to continue. For most of the years since, Dinely has worked seven days a week, often up at 2 a.m. to go to the Ontario Food Market in Toronto. He's ready to scale back, he says.

The new owners, Joe Enrich and his daughter Sue Enrich, also own Rancourt Winery across the road from the Harvest Barn property on Concession 4.

They will continue to operate the market as it is-don't expect to see any changes for a while, they say. Dinely will stay around for two years as he eases into retirement.

"You'll still see me changing light bulbs and doing other projects around the place. I love repairing, building and maintenance, and I will continue to enjoy doing that."

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Please see www.notl.org for route, stop & schedule information. Hard copies available at Town Administrative Offices, Community Centre, NOTL Library, NOTL Hydro, NOTL Hospital, the Chamber of Commerce, Niagara Classic Transportation, Canada Post, participating restaurants and retailers, such as Avondale and Valu-Mart.

All transit vehicles are wheelchair accessible in accordance with requirements under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). Please contact transit@notl.org or call 905-468-3278 x 270 for further information.

Wine store could become future addition to farm market

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The Enrichs are seeking the approvals they need to sell wine at the market, giving them a more visible location than their winery, with 1,800 feet of frontage on Niagara Stone Road.

But that process will take some time, likely a couple of years, says Dinely.

Eventually, the owners envision a similar arrangement to the Fourth Avenue Harvest Barn, which includes a wine retail store, but that is their only plan to change the Virgil fixture.

"All employees will remain," promises Dinely.

When he decided he was ready to sell, he had several interested buyers, but he worked with the Enrichs because they were the only ones committed to the continued operation of the market, he said.

"This is a good fit for them and the community."

The 15-acre triangle that includes the vineyards is part of the sale, he said.

PENNY COLES Niagara Advance

Twenty-five year employee Gayle DeBon and former Harvest Barn owner Doug Dinely welcome Sue Enrich, who is one of the new owners and will be looking after the day-to-day operation of the farm market.

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NOTICE

REGARDING WEEDS & GRASS

As a reminder to all residents, in accordance with the Clean Yards Bylaw 4114-07, that grass or weeds over 20cm in height must be maintained and cut and noxious weeds as defined by the Weed Control Act, must be removed from the property.

As the spring and summer seasons approach the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake would also like to remind residents to inspect their property for the growth of Giant Hogweed and remove it before it has the ability to mature and seed.

Pleass be aware that sxtreme caution should bs taken around this species of weed. If you come into physical contact with this plant you could experience severe burns to your skin. Contact with eyes can cause temporary or permanent blindness. When working near these plants, protective gear should be worn to reduce any direct contact with them. The Town recommends that you contact a licensed weed removal professional to deal with this plant.

Please be reminded that the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Clean Yard By-law No. 4114-07 states:

"Lot Maintenance:
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MORE INFORMATION
If you have any questions or require any assistance please contact the Town of Niagara- on-the-Lake Enforcement Department at 905-468-3266 ext. 254.

Dated at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake this 24th day of April, 2012

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REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Parking Standards

PROPOSED CHANGE
To amend Section 6.39 of Zoning By-law 4316-09 by deleting the existing criteria of 1 space per 9 m2 of gross floor area and 1 space per 9 m2 of gross floor area or 15 spaces for "restaurant" and "restaurant takeout" uses respectfully and replacing each with "1 per 18.5 square metres of gross floor ares"

HAVE YOUR SAY
Input on any proposed zoning change is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public information meeting or by making a written submission to the Town.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
Date: April 30, 2012
Time: 6:30 PM
Place: Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Administrative Offices, Council Chambers, 1593 Four Mile Creek Road, Virgil, Ontario

WRITTEN SUBMISSION
To provide input in writing, or to request personal notice if the proposed change is adopted, please send a letter c/o Town Clerk Holly Dowd, 1593 Four Mile Creek Road, P.O. Box 100, Virgil, Ontario, L0S 1T0.

MORE INFORMATION
For more information please contact Kay Grant, Planner II at 905-468-3266, extension 297 or kgrant@notl.org. A copy of this notice can be found on the Towns website at www.notl.org.

LEGAL NOTICE
Section 34 of the Planning Act

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake before this matter ie passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Council to the Ontario Municipal Board.

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If you wish to be notified of the decision of Town Council in respect to this matter you must make a written request to the Town Clerk.

Dated at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake this 26th day of April 2012.

Town looking for help with 'rebranding' to develop new identity, logo

The Town is asking residents to answer survey questions about where they live and work; what local services do they use, what their favourite local spot is and what they believe are the most important resources for the Town's future growth.

A special volunteer advisory committee has been created to "refresh Niagara-on-the-Lake's corporate image," says the town's communications project manager Dawn McInnis.

Committee members want to hear what residents think of their community.

The Town's Rebranding Committee is conducting research to develop a new community identity, a new logo and statement of principles. One of the committee's primary tools is the resident survey.

The survey link https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Residents-Survey-NOTL2012 is available on the Town's website until Friday, May 18.

There is also a survey for students at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Students-Survey-NOTL2012. Area schools have been asked to participate.

Survey results are completely anonymous.

"This is an important initiative for future Town endeavours," said Councillor Maria Bau-Coote, chair of the Committee. "From an economic development standpoint to improved customer service standards, our brand says to the world 'this is who we are and what we represent.'"

The committee is asking residents, community groups, business people and students how they perceive their community and what areas are important as the Town plans for the future, she said.

"I hope as many people as possible give us their thoughts."

The rebranding initiative stems from the Town's Strategic Plan unveiled in early 2011. Research will be conducted throughout the summer and early fall, followed by a report to council by year end.

Copies of the survey are available at the Town Hall for those without internet access.

Wondering what to do with your $1 garbage tags?

You will still be able to use them after the price increase on April 30.

Residents living in single family homes or apartments with six units or less who need to put out an extra bag or can of garbage will be able to use two of the existing $1 tags.

Put two $1 tags around the neck of your extra bag and pinch the ends to form a loop

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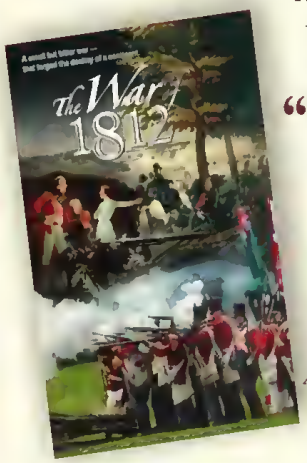

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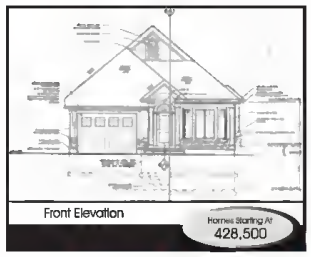

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New bell celebration of 1812 bicentennial

Sarah Ferguson
Niagara Advance

The bells of St. Mark's are now ringing with a different sound.

Last Thursday morning, a crew of four , a large crane, and bell-maker Richard Watson, of Meeks, Watson and Company from Ohio, secured the 19th bell in the historic Byron Street church's bell tower.

A hole was cut in the tower and three bells were removed to make room for the installation of the new bell—a large tenor weighing 1,300 pounds was lifted out along with two smaller bells weighing 200 to 300 pounds each.

Once the new bell was installed, the three other] were returned to the tower and Watson had a chance to do a little "reorganizing."

The addition of the bell is the first in a number of 1812 bicentennial events planned by the church. It carries an inscription in memory of Sir Isaac Brock who died 200 years ago at the Battle of Queenston Heights.

The church had its first six bells installed in 1877, with three more added in 1977.

In 2007, Watson says he tuned those bells and constructed nine more that were added that year.

The bells in St. Mark's are special because they are melodic, he said.

Unlike ordinary bells, those at St. Mark's can play complex tunes and there are only seven places that make them—two bell foundries in England, two in Holland, one in France, one in Norway and Watson's foundry in Ohio.

When he faced the challenge of tuning St. Mark's bells that were installed in 1877 and 1977, Watson said it was a difficult process to make them sound like the new ones.

SARAH FERGUSON Niagara Advance

See Page 13 St. Mark's 19th bell is readied to be lifted into the bell tower.

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To tune a bell, it is turned upside down and secured to a base. Then parts of the inside of the bell are shaved off until it makes the right sound.

Watson uses an electronic instrument to test the sound of the bell to make sure he has the sound he wants.

When he is working with historic bells that are hundreds of years old, there is no room for mistakes., he says.

"We don't make mistakes. We go very slowly and we take off small bits at a time. When we are tuning old bells we proceed with great care because if we make a mistake with an old bell, we can't replace it."

Watson, who has been in the business for more than 30 years, says the bell for St. Mark's was ordered last fall. Although the whole process of molding, casting and cleaning the bell only takes about three weeks, he has many other orders.

"We work on a first-come, first-serve basis and we do jobs for different churches all over North America."

He enjoys his job because he is always learning about a place and the people who live there.

"That's the best part of the bell business. There's a story with every installation."

Watson says he is thrilled to be part of the celebrations for the 1812 bicentennial by constructing a new bell to commemorate Brock because it is something that will last generations.

"As long as the church is still here, these bells could be ringing here for 500 years. It causes you to pause a bit when you're working on or tuning a bell. You want to do the very best you can because if you don't do it right the first time, the bell will never sound right."

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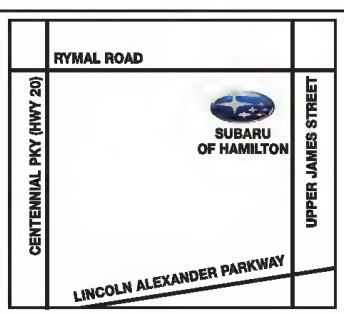

NOTL's Queen Street a finalist in Great Places in Canada competition

Professional planners, online votes will determine the winner

Niagara-on-the-Lake's Queen Street is a finalist in the second annual Great Places in Canada contest.

More than 200,000 votes were received in the online contest, and from a field of 90 nominations, an expert panel of professional planners has now short-listed 21 places in three categories: great street, great place and great neighbourhood.

The winners in each category will be determined by a combination of the number of votes each receives and the expert opinion of a panel of professional planners chosen by the Canadian Institute of Planners.

There is also a "People's Choice" winner in each category which will be determined by the greatest number of online votes.

Also in the running are Osborne Street in Winnipeg, MB, Victoria Row in Charlottetown, PEI, Queen Street in Fredericton, NB, and Sussex Drive in Ottawa.

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575 SIMCOE STREET #6 - $389,000

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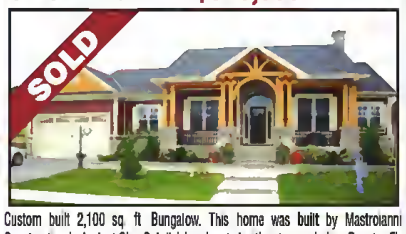
575 SIMCOE STREET #4 - $349,000

Freehold bungalow townhome situated on a quiet cul-de-sac very close to new Community Centre and in easy walking distance to main street. N30000840 Thomas Elltoft and Kim Elltoft.

6 BUNNY GLEN - $549,000



Custom built 2,100 sq. ft Bungalow. This home was built by Mastroianni Construction in Apricot Glen Subdivision. Loaded with extras including Douglas Fir timber framing, 40 year shingles, stone 7 cement board siding, Anderson windows & doors, trayed ceilings, custom kitchen with island & granite counters, gas fireplace with mantel, wonderful spa like ensuite. MLS 20121231. Randy Armstrong.

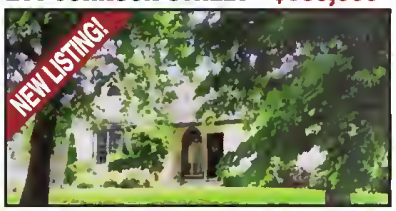
12 SHAW'S LANE - $595,000

An immensely upgraded, end unit town home in a quiet enclave in the heart of town. Vaulted ceilings spacious main floor master suite and new high-end kitchen and bathrooms. Scaling down would be a joy! MLS# N30003694. Viviane Elltoft and Thomas Elltoft.

14435 NIAGARA RIVER PKWY - $429,000

2700 sq.ft. bungalow in Queenston. Inlaw suite. B&B potential. Clear, panoramic views of the Escarpment. Large corner lot. MLS NR30002494. Doug Snider

211 JOHNSON STREET - $695,000



This most charming bungalow is admired by all who pass by. "The house with the beautiful front window" is as lovely inside as out. With lovely long views from both the front and back of the house it is extremely private. The spacious foyer opens into a sun filled solarium with quadruple skylights that overlooks the gorgeous perennial garden with large fishpond with waterfall. The deck and garden are a true oasis. Bonnie Grimm

1823 NIAGARA STONE RD. - $1,100,000

Restored and updated 2400 sq. ft. home, circa 1870 plus a restored carriage house containing two separate living quarters. There is also a 2400 sq. ft. garage/workshop and a separate antique barn. Truly a unique property! MLS 20148241. Chris Bowron and Audrey Wright.

1327 LINE 9 - $589,000

Fabulous 11.5 Acre Horse Farm at the base of the Niagara Escarpment. 9 paddocks, 16 box stalls, 70'x140' arena with annex, & so much more! The house is a 2 bedroom 1450 sq. ft. bungalow with detached 2 car garage. MLS N20144925. Audrey Wright and Chris Bowron

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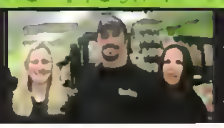

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Over-the-top fundraising earns award

Two Paul Harris fellowships handed out by NOTL Rotary Club

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

John Wiens is not a Rotary Club member, so although he had heard of the Paul Harris Award, he didn't know that much about it.

What he learned has made him feel humbled and honoured to be a recipient, he said.

The NOTL Rotary Club recognized Wiens and member Howard Kudlats with the Paul Harris Award by contributing $1000 in each of their names toward Rotary programs, acknowledging their outstanding service and contributions to their community.

"I love this community and its residents, and I like to help out whenever I can," said Wiens.

"I was born and raised here and work here, and what we have here is the best. The quality of life is incredible for such a small community. If I can do anything to make I difference, I like to do so."

The awards were presented at the annual Paul Harris Fellowship Dinner held at the Benchmark Restaurant at Niagara College last week.

Wiens was recognized for his leadership of the NOTL Community Centre fundraising committee, which surpassed its goal by a significant amount.

Kudlats is an NOTL Rotary member who has been involved in many Rotary events, including the bike trek and the Christmas House Tour.

The Paul Harris Fellowship is named after the lawyer who founded Rotary International in 1905. It was established in 1957 in his honour to express appreciation for a contribution to the humanitarian and educational programs of the Rotary Foundation.

NOTL Rotary Club president congratulates Paul Harris recipients John Wiens and Howard Kudlats, Rotarian and incoming president. John Heise, Rotary District Governor, made the presentation.

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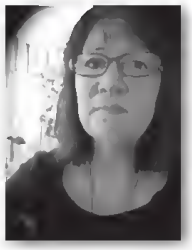

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Be thankful for replacement surgery, but don't rush to operating room

Complications can result from knee and hip replacements

The Doctor Game
Dr. Gifford–Jones

When does a doctor fully realize the nature of a disease?

Sir William Osler, distinguished Professor of Medicine at McGill, Johns Hopkins and Oxford University, remarked that a doctor only fully understood a disease when he suffered from it himself. Having just recovered from a hip replacement operation, I couldn't agree more with Osler. So what did I learn and what did I fear?

W. C. Fields, the comedian, when asked what he wanted inscribed on his tombstone, replied, "I'd rather be in Philadelphia." I felt the same way as I was wheeled into the operating room. But at least I had the satisfaction of knowing I had first used every medical therapy I knew to prevent this from happening.

Nine months earlier, while on a trip to Israel with other journalists, I fell, injuring my knee and hip.

I tried to convince myself I was suffering from post-traumatic arthritis and that tincture of time, along with laser therapy and other medication, would cure me. It didn't, and pain finally forced me to the operating table.

So, as a surgeon, what worried me about the procedure? The truth is, not very much. In fact, the easiest aspect of the surgery was the surgery itself.

Since I had a spinal anesthetic and the anesthetist agreed to my request of no sedation, I was awake during the procedure.

What might be upsetting for some patients was the buzzing of the saw that removed the upper part of my femur along with the arthritic ball-shaped acetabulum. This part would be replaced by the hip prosthesis. But I knew that in all probability, nothing would go awry.

My adrenaline went on high alert, however, when I heard the surgeon's hammer pounding the hip prosthesis into the remaining bone.

I was aware that, although hammering is needed to drive the hip prosthesis into the femur, too much pressure can fracture the bone, not a good complication. The adrenaline stimulus dropped when the hammering stopped. So most of my time on the table was spent watching the hands of the operating room clock.

The operation and post recovery period have confirmed what I've always reported about hip replacement. As a medical student I witnessed the first hip replacement performed at the Massachusetts General hospital. It was major surgery then and it still is.

Today, due to the thousands done every year in North America, most patients believe that exchanging bone anatomy for a spare part is not a big deal. But don't rush to the operating room. Thank the Almighty that surgery is there when you need it. Just make sure you require it. You never know when you might get more than you bargained for.

For instance, several years ago, an orthopedic surgeon at McMaster University reported disturbing news to the Canadian Orthopedic Association. A worrying number of hip and knee replacement patients suffered heart attacks following the operation, the majority within three to five days of the surgery. Moreover, 29 percent of patients had no history of heart disease.

This is not surprising since many patients undergoing hip replacement are not kids, often obese and suffering from diabetes. Besides, it's impossible to remove a large part of the upper leg bone without subjecting the body to major physiological shock.

Development of surgical wound infection is another major concern today.

Hospitals have become hot beds for antibiotic resistant infections. Every year about 200,000 Canadians develop life-threatening infections in hospital and 12,000 die. The most vicious infection is Clostridium difficile which can cause up to 40 bowel movements daily.

Luckily, I escaped these potential complications. But I haven't yet escaped the tedious daily exercises to strengthen muscles surrounding the hip replacement. It's a daily reminder that it would have been more fun to be in Philadelphia.

My thanks to the tons of e-mails from readers wishing me well.

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Looking forward to Grades 1 to 3 in Go Fish

Will showcase talents of young Crossroad students

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In the Classroom

Crossroads intermediate students recently enjoyed an exciting trip to Toronto for a Blue Jays game. It was a great event and students thank Steve Holowchuk for co-ordinating their trip

The primary and junior choirs have also been travelling—to St. Catharines Collegiate to perform as participants in the Niagara Music Festival. The students performed extremely well under the direction of Ruth Willms and Laury Willms, with both choirs bringing home gold.

The juniors also travelled to Governor Simcoe to watch the musical performance of Oliver! The students thoroughly enjoyed watching this outstanding play.

Friday was Earth Day at Crossroads, and quite an event for students and staff who decided on working together to weed the flower beds, clean the school yard, and turn off the lights, computers and SmartBoards to reduce the amount of energy we use.

We also wore blue, brown, green, or Eco symbols to show our appreciation for the earth.

On Monday, our junior girls participated in the DSBN basketball finals. They finished the season as area champs, and did extremely well in the board-wide tournament with two wins and two losses. Congratulations to the girls and Coaches Scott O'Connor and Nathan White on a great season.

Our school is hosting a Badminton tournament Friday, which the intermediate team is looking forward to. They have been practising to be ready for the day.

The last big event of April is the Rock n' Roll Literacy night which is to take place April 30 at 6:30 p.m. Author Sigmund Brouwer will be speaking to parents and students about the importance of using "story" for literacy skills. Rock on.

We also want you to mark your calendars as our primary division will be putting on the play "Go Fish" on Thursday, May 10. It promises to be a fantastic performance, showcasing the singing, dancing and acting talents of Grade 1 – 3 students. Tickets are available at the school office.

On Earth Day Crossroads, students Savanna Schnierle and Ryann Tibbs weeded the gardens.

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Hongwen Li, Lord Mayor Dave Eke, Ice House owner Karen King and winemaker Jamie MacFarlane with Wei Wu, Jichen Zhang and Jiayang Yuan sample an ice wine slushy at the Ice House Tuesday morning. The Chinese delegation was also visiting Riverview Cellars Estate Winery and Pondview Estate Winery while in NOTL.

How liquid gold is made

Ice House winemaker Jamie Macfarlane explains the ice wine-making process to Lord Mayor Dave Eke and Wei Wu, who hopes to import NOTL ice wine to China.

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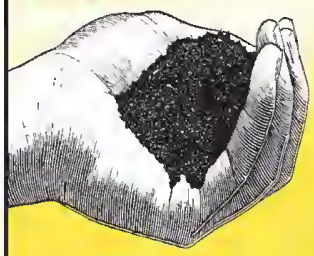

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Bouquet for my neighbour

A few days ago, the latch to my gate somehow managed to open and my dog managed to escape and run down the street. I would like to send a bouquet to my neighbour who caught my canine and returned him to my backyard. I was at work when this happened and I don't know what would have happened to my pet if it wasn't for my neighbour.

Bouquet for kind people

I would like to send a bouquet to all of the people who have said they were happy to have be back ay work. I was recovering from surgery and since I've returned to work, every one has said how happy they are to see me. It's nice to feel so appreciated by so many people.

St. Michael principal Brian Palujanskas, John O'Connor, parent Dennis Donnolly and Michael Reich are organizing the first of what will be an annual fundraising golf tournament for the St. Michael Grade 8 Academic Scholarship endowment fund to help graduates go on to post-secondary school education once they complete high school. Organizers are looking for event sponsors and players.

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St. Michael endowment fund needs golfers, events sponsors for tournament

First annual tournament will boost scholarship fund for St. Michael graduates

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Dennis Donnelly, father of past and current St. Michael Catholic School students, considers the local elementary school a centre of education excellence.

He wouldn't send his kids anywhere else, he says—why would he, when the best school is right here in town.

It's what happens after bright students from St. Michael graduate high school that worries him—he is concerned about rising university and college tuition rates, and lack of scholarship funding to help those who require assistance.

He and a group of volunteers and school staff are organizing a golf tournament, the first of what will be an annual event, to support an endowment fund for the St. Michael Grade 8 Academic Scholarship to help graduates go on to college or university once they complete high school.

"It's a pre-emptive action so that some of our kids will not be affected by cuts to scholarships and increases in tuition," says Donnelly.

"At St. Michael, we don't want to be all about bricks and building. We want to be a centre of excellence"

Up to 10 Grade 8 students at St. Michael will be nominated to be eligible to receive the scholarship, based on a number of criteria, and will be tracked throughout their high school years to qualify when they are ready to go on to their post-secondary school education.

Four years from now, the current group of Grade 8 students will be the first recipients of the scholarships.

The committee hopes to be able to award $6,000 to the top student, with the remainder to be determined based on how much money is in the endowment fund at that time.

The corporate community has stepped up and has been very generous, but organizers are still looking for event sponsors and golfers.

A beautiful silver trophy has been designed for the winners, the Michael and Eileen Donnelly Trophy, in memory of Donnelly's parents.

Golfers must register by April 30 for the May 12 tournament at Legends on the Niagara Battlefield Course.

Tournament registration begins at noon, with tee-off at 1 p.m. and a dinner at the NOTL Community Centre beginning at 7 p.m

Registration can be as a foursome or individual for four-man scramble, at $150 per player, and includes 18 holes of golf, cart and gift bag, dinner, prizes and draws. Guests can attend the dinner only for $60.

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Deaths

BOUCHARD, Pierre-Paul (Paul) - Passed away unexpectedly but peacefully in his sleep after a short illness. Born in Ste. Luce-sur-Mer, Québec, e long-time resident of Niagara on the Lake and most recently of West Vancouver, BC. Paul is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years Doris and children Marc, Shawn (Jessica). He was the proud grandfather of Jeck. He elso leaves behind his brothers Bert (Linda), John, his sisters Lilianne Kemp (Willi), Pierette Soper (George) end Solenges Robert, his brother-in-law Nelson Martineau and sister-in-law Lucette Trus (Tony). He will be sadly missed end elways remembered by many nieces, nephews and friends. To say Paul loved cars doesn't capture his passion for the automobile. Cars were in his blood. He sold, fixed, collected, built, raced and dreemed of them. He was elso e long-time employee of General Motors in St. Catharines, retiring in 1993. If you ever saw e men sitting etop e 50-foot TV tower thet was likely Paul. As owner/operator of Paul's TV & Antenna-a successful electronics sales and repair business-he put up hundreds of antennas around Niagara. He reluctantly subscribed to ceble only efter moving to BC. Paul had a natural ability to do anything he set his mind to, including building two houses with his beloved T-Love, fixing electronics or appliances or adding custom body work to his Toronado. From foundetion-to-finish he did it ell proudly himself and even worked through a broken back to finish the plumbing on his second house. He will be remembered for his gentle nature, witty sense of humour, the twinkle in his eye, his love of music (there was elways a radio playing somewhere) and his dedication to friends and neighbours. If you ever needed en extre set of hends eround the house Paul was there to help with a great big smile. If desired, memorial donations may be made to Niagara Support Services (http://nss.ntec-nss.com). A celebration of life will be held et a future date to be determined.

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Deaths

GRIMWOOD, Edward (Ted) - Passed away paacafully with his family by his sida, on April 22, 2012. To be joined again with his loving wife, Betty. Loving Father of Edward Jr. (Carol Anne), Marilyn Hackett & Allan (Butch) (Claudia). Ted leaves behind his loving Grandchildren, Margaret (Enzo) Mancuso, Rob (Heather) & Chris Grimwood. Beloved Great Grandfather of Alex, Nick, Davin, Carly & Lauran. Pradecaasad by his grandson Brett Hobbs. Thanks to the wonderful staff at NOTL Hospital and a very spacial thank you to Dr. Viviars. *To all of you — thanks for the great care you gave our father.* The family will receive friends at MORGAN FUNERAL HOME, 415 Regent St., Niagara-on-the-Lake, Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Tha funeral sarvice will ba hald in the chapel Friday at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at Niagara Lakeshore Cemetery. In mamory of Ted, donations to tha Haart & Stroke Foundation or the NOTL Hospital Foundation would be appreciated. Memories, photos and condolences may be shared at: www.morganfuneral.com

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Although we smile and make no fuss
No one misses him more than us.
And when old times we oft recall,
It's then we miss you most of all.

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Lonely are our thoughts today.
For the one loved so dearly,
Has forever been called away.

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Deaths

ISTCHENKO, Else (nee Reimer) - Peacefully after a brief illness, on April 17, 2012 at Chateau Gardens in her 93rd year. Survived by har husband Alaxander and har six children, Luise Penner (Wes), Irma Purchase (Wayne), Eddy (Rhoda), Alex (Marg), Victor (Muffy) and Wally (Catharina). She will be missed by all who knew her, especially her 15 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren, daar sistar Liesel Schulz (Hans) and loving nephews Henry Froese (Jane) and Waldimar Reimer (Marg). The family is especially grateful for the wonderful and caring staff at Chateau Gardans during mom's short stay. Elsa was at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Chapel of the **MORGAN FUNERAL HOMES**, 415 Regent Straat whare har family recaivad friands on Sunday, April 22 from 2-4 pm. Funeral service was held at the funeral home on Monday morning, April 23 at 11 o'clock. Interment followed at Niagara Lakeshore Cametary. For thosa who wish, mamorial donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Memories, photos and condolancas may ba sharad at www.morganfuneral.com

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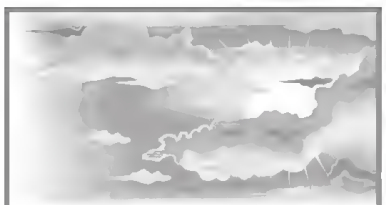

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MILLS, Marjorie (Lila) - Peacefully on Friday April 20, 2012 at Chateau Gardens at tha aga of 82. Balovad wifa of tha lata Percy (2000). Cherished mother of Laurie (John) Birch and David (Pam) Mills. Grandma of Janice Lynn and Lila Jean Mills. Sister of Helen Carr (Dalton) and pradacaasad by sistar Edna and brothar Doug. Lila will be fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews. Lila was a kindargartan taachar at Parliamant Oak School and later was a supply teacher there. She was a member of the ladies' auxiliary at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Hospital for many years. As well, she was an active member of the Niagara Golden Age Club. A heartfelt thank you to all second and third floor nursing and support staff at Chateau Gardans for their tramandous compassion and care. A private family service was held at Niagara Lakeshore Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy thosa who wish may make a memorial donation to the Canadian Cancer Society. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **MORGAN FUNERAL HOME** 415 Regent Street, Niagara-on-tha-Laka. You ara invitad to share memories, photos and condolences at www.morganfuneral.com

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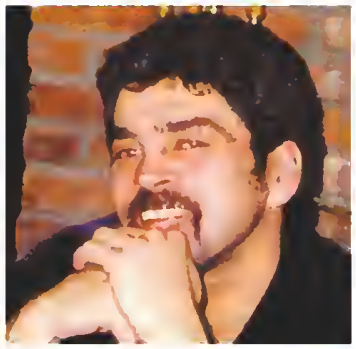

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Williams helps tykes to 11–8 victory, Wright leads midgets in two big wins

Field lacrosse teams play round of games in Kitchener-Waterloo

Niagara field lacrosse teams braved chilly conditions to play their second round of games in Kitchener-Waterloo last weekend.

In their first game, the Thunderhawk tykes battled Brampton, resulting in a 13 – 11 loss.

Ethan Williams and Lukas Paugh each scored three, Jack Parker and Nolan Price scored two and Liam Dietsch netted one. Noah Ostromecki stood tall in goal for his team.

The tykes posted a win in their second game with a score of 11-8 over Centre Wellington. Williams led his team with eight goals, with Dietsch adding two. Paugh scored one goal and contributed multiple assists in the game. Jack Friesen played well in goal.

The novice Thunderhawks won 6-3 in their first game against Guelph. Duncan Belliveau led his team with three goals. Evan Williams added two and Jackson Riediger fired in one, with Keaton Boldt assisting.

In their second game, the novices faced a quick team from Caledon, resulting in an 8 – 3 loss. Belliveau scored a single, as did Owin Hendsbee and Matteo Giampa. Contributing assists were Riediger and Billy Dale. Goalie Owen Faris made a number of amazing saves in both games.

The peewees showed lots of improvement in their round of games. They faced off against Hamilton, posting a close 5-4 loss as Hamilton found the net in the last minute of the game.

Scoring for Niagara were Jared Mines with two goals, assisted by Joe Fragnito, Noah Thorne-Fortuna with one goal and Mason Boldt with one. Connor Watson contributed two assists.

Their second game was a 9 – 3 loss to Six Nations. Watson led his team with two goals and an assist. Mines added a single and Braeden Rawsthorne assisted. Trent Hunter and Mike Weier split the duties in net for the peewees and both played very well.

The midgets had a successful weekend winning both of their games. The first was a 9 – 3 win over Kitchener. Austin Wright led the scoring with three goals while Logan Holley, Derek Merza, Conner Overstrom, Zac Luis, Kasey Renolds and Johnny Wagner all contributed singles.

Niagara's second game ended with an 11 – 4 win over Brampton. Wright posted four goals as well as multiple assists through the game. Holley scored three and Renolds added two goals. Both Overstrom and Wagner fired in singles.

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